



## **Transmission Business Line (TBL)**

### **Draft Business Practice**

#### **Reservation Priority**

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#### **A. Reservation Priority Rights**

Reservation priority rights are determined in accordance with the Bonneville Power Administration Transmission Business Line's (TBL) Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT), and FY 2002 - 2003 Transmission Rates and Transmission Terms and Conditions Proceedings-TR-02 and TC-02 Settlement Agreement (Settlement Agreement).

Only Transmission Customers with a long-term contract (one year or more) may have reservation priority rights pursuant to section 2.2 of the OATT. If a Transmission Customer rolls over its long-term contract to short-term service, it will have no reservation priority rights when the short-term service expires.

#### **B. Exercising Reservation Priority Rights**

##### **1. Sixty-Day Notice Requirement**

Any existing long-term Transmission Customer that wishes to exercise its reservation priority must make an Application for its new service term following the usual TBL OATT procedures and notify the Transmission Provider, no less than sixty days (60 days) prior to the date an existing long-term contract ends and the new service commences, that the long-term

Transmission Customer wishes to exercise its reservation priority (Right of First Refusal) under Section 2.2 of the OATT.

The 60-day notice requirement applies to reservation priority requests to renew existing long-term transmission service as *either* long-term or short-term transmission service. If a Transmission Customer does not provide TBL the 60-day notice described herein, such customer's reservation priority will be forfeited.

## **2. Reservation Priority Application**

### **Long-Term Transmission Service**

- ♦ Any existing long-term firm transmission service customer that chooses to exercise its reservation priority right pursuant to Section 2.2 of the OATT must make an Application in accordance with either Section 17 or Section 29 of the OATT. The Application must explicitly state that the Transmission Customer is exercising its reservation priority rights pursuant to Section 2.2 of the OATT, and must reference the A-Ref number of the original reservation.
- ♦ The reservation priority Application for long-term service should follow the procedures as described in Section 2 of TBL's Business Practice, "Application Process for Transmission Service".

### **Short-Term Transmission Service**

- ♦ Any existing long-term firm transmission service customer that chooses to exercise its reservation priority right pursuant to Section 2.2 of the OATT, and is requesting to rollover its firm long-term service to short-term service, must submit a 60-day notice pursuant to section B.1, above, that explicitly states that the Transmission Customer is exercising its reservation priority rights pursuant to Section 2.2 of the OATT, and must reference the A-Ref number of the original reservation.
- ♦ The 60-day notice that the Transmission Customer is requesting to rollover to short-term service may be sent via fax or mail, and should be sent to the attention of the Transmission Customer's designated Transmission Account Executive at the locations specified in Section 2 of TBL's Business Practice, "Application Process for Transmission Service". This rollover request will be time-stamped and immediately forwarded to TBL's Reservation Desk.

## **3. Reservation Priority Deposit**

All reservation priority requests, except short-term requests of less than one month, require a deposit as described in TBL's "Application for Transmission Service" Business Practice.

## **C. Procedures for Reserving Short Term Service**

If a Transmission Customer has provided the 60-day notice referred to in paragraph B.2 above when renewing existing long-term transmission service as short-term transmission service, a Transmission Customer may request short-term service pursuant to the usual short-term timelines as described in the OATT. Absent such 60-

day notice, the Transmission Customer will forfeit its reservation priority and will compete for short-term service on the same terms as all other customers.

Requests for short-term transmission service must be made via TBL's OASIS.

**D. Related Business Practices and Documents**

The following related documents are available on the TBL Web Site.

1. Partial Long-Term Firm Service
2. Firm Redirects for Point-to-Point Transmission
3. Reservations and Scheduling
4. Application Process for Transmission Service
5. Settlement Agreement

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